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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the pending claims by telephone. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12 and 17 pursuant to that discussion. Claims 1-20 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. In light of the amendments made above and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Drawings

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the substitute drawings submitted on May 12, 2003.

Specification

Applicant has reviewed the specification for all uses of trademarks NOMEX and KEVLAR. Applicant respectfully submits that all occurrences of these trademarks are accompanied by appropriate generic terminology. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-20 Under § 103

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,574,325 ("von Musil"), U.S. Patent No. 5,633,477 ("Smith") and DuPont electronic publications, <http://www.dupont.com/nomex/main> ("DuPont"). Applicant discussed the rejection with the Examiner by telephone on September 2, 2003. In light of the discussion, Applicant presents the proposed amendments set forth herein. The amendments set forth herein to independent claims 1, 12 and 17 help to clarify the positional relationship between Applicant's copper strands, roebel filler and isolation layer. For example, with regard to claim 1, the amendments help to clarify

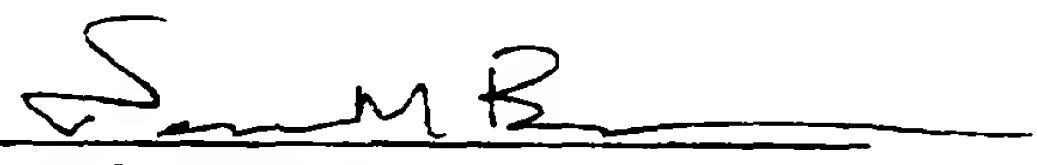
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that Applicant's isolation layer is "positioned to abut an outer surface of the copper strands and an inner surface of the roebel filler to thereby be interposed at least partially between the copper strands and the roebel filler."

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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